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SUBJECT: 3:05-CR-239-M USA v. Makki, et al (Tarek Makki/Dft. 1)

Dear Clerk:

The following documents are enclosed herewith pursuant to Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure:

Certified copies of the Information, Waiver of Indictment, Consent to Transfer of Case, and Docket Sheet

Please acknowledge receipt of the above file on the enclosed copy of this letter.

Sincerely,  
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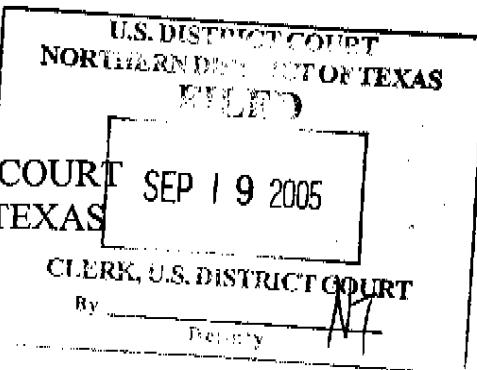
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

NO. 3 - 05 CR - 0239M

v.

HON.

D-1 TAREK MAKKI,

Defendant.

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**CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF CASE  
FOR GUILTY PLEA AND SENTENCE**

I, TAREK MAKKI, have been informed that an Information is pending against me in the above-captioned case. Pursuant to Rule 20(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, I state that I wish to plead guilty to the offense(s) charged, to consent to the disposition of the case in the EASTERN DISTRICT OF

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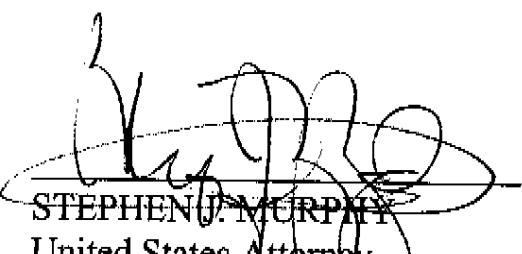
MICHIGAN, in Detroit, Michigan, in which I, TAREK MAKKI, am present, and  
to waive venue, trial, judgment, and sentencing in the Northern District of Texas.

~~TAREK MAKKI  
Defendant~~

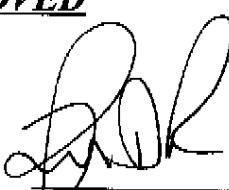
~~JAMES C. THOMAS  
Attorney for Defendant~~

Date: 8/29/05

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Eastern District of Michigan

Date: 9/14/05

  
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Date: 7/6/05

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**U.S. District Court**  
**Northern District of Texas (Dallas)**  
**CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:05-cr-00239-I**  
**Internal Use Only**

Case title: USA v. Makki et al

Date Filed: 09/19/2005

Assigned to: Judge Barbara M. G. Lynn

**Defendant**

**Tarek Makki (1)**

*TERMINATED: 09/27/2005*

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**Pending Counts**

None

**Disposition**

**Highest Offense Level (Opening)**

None

**Terminated Counts**

18 U.S.C. 1623 FALSE  
DECLARATION BEFORE A COURT  
(1)

**Disposition**

Rule 20 Transfer to the Eastern District  
of Michigan, Detroit Division

**Highest Offense Level (Terminated)**

Felony

**Complaints**

None

**Disposition**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/19/2005	•1	FELONY INFORMATION as to Tarek Makki (1) count 1, Adham Mackie (2) count 2, Ali Makki (3) count 3. (nap, ) (Entered: 09/20/2005)
09/19/2005	•	***Magistrate Judge Irma C. Ramirez chosen by random selection to handle matters that may be referred in case as to Tarck Makki, Adham Mackic, Ali Makki (nap, ) (Entered: 09/20/2005)
09/19/2005	•2	WAIVER OF INDICTMENT by Tarek Makki (nap, ) (Entered: 09/20/2005)
09/19/2005	•5	CONSENT to Transfer of Case for Guilty Plea and Sentence as to Tarek Makki (nap, ) (Entered: 09/20/2005)
09/27/2005	•8	CONSENT TO TRANSFER JURISDICTION (Rule 20) to Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit Division. Counts closed as to Tarek Makki (1) Count 1. (nap, ) (Entered: 09/27/2005)

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v.

TAREK MAKKI (1)  
ADHAM MACKIE (2)  
ALI MAKKI (3)

No. 05 CR - 0239M

INFORMATION

The United States Attorney Charges:

Introduction

1. From on or about May 25, 1999, and continuing thereafter up to and including at least November 16, 2001, a civil action, styled: *Bolloré, S.A. v. Import Warehouse Inc., et al.*, No. 3:99-CV-1196-R, was pending in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, in which Bolloré, S.A., a French corporation, sued, among others, defendants, **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**, and in which civil action defendant **Ali Makki** later became a witness. Said civil action is summarized, in pertinent part, as follows:

- a. Bolloré, S.A.(hereafter referred to as "Bolloré") was a manufacturer of specialty paper, including cigarette paper.
- b. During 1999, Bolloré initiated the aforementioned civil action (hereafter referred to as "Lawsuit") against the defendants **Tarek Makki**, **Adham Mackie**, and others for, *inter alia*, trademark counterfeiting, in violation of to the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1116.
- c. The Lawsuit alleged that the defendants, **Tarek Makki**, **Adham Mackie** and others, engaged in the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale and offering for sale counterfeit Zig-Zag® brand cigarette paper products (hereafter referred to as "Zig Zag Products").
- d. The Zig Zag Products, at issue in the Lawsuit, were sold under the registered United States trademarks "Zig Zag" and "Smoking Man

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Design," as well as United States registered copyrights for the design on the Zig Zag Products' booklets.

- e. On July 29, 1999, the presiding judge in the Lawsuit, entered an order preliminarily enjoining all of the defendants in the case from, *inter alia*, importing, distributing or selling infringing Zig Zag Products in the United States (hereafter referred to as the "Order").
- f. Subsequent to the Order, several of the defendants settled with Bolloré, leaving only four defendants in the Lawsuit, including **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**.
- g. Defendants **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**, ignored the Order and continued their part in the manufacture of counterfeit booklets, cartons and shipping cases in Jakarta, Indonesia and the re-packaging of bulk paper into counterfeit packaging for shipment into the United States for distribution.
- h. On May 11, 2001, as a result of the aforementioned continued trademark counterfeiting activity, the presiding judge entered an order setting a hearing to determine whether or not **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie** were in contempt of the Order.
- i. On November 16, 2001, as a result of the aforementioned contempt hearing, which took place in Dallas, Texas on May 19, 2001, the presiding judge entered an ORDER OF CONTEMPT finding and concluding, in pertinent part, that the defendants, **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**, their agents, officers, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons, firms or corporations acting in concert, privity or participation with them were in civil contempt of the Order

2. It was the burden of Bolloré during the aforementioned contempt hearing, to establish that the defendants therein were in civil contempt of the Order.

3. In order for Bolloré to satisfy its burden of proof, it was material to said contempt hearing that Bolloré establish that defendants, **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**, continued to be involved with the distribution of counterfeit Zig Zag Products, in this case, the manufacture of booklets, cartons and shipping cases in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the re-packaging of bulk paper into counterfeit packaging and the shipment of said products to the United States for distribution therein .

Count One  
False Declaration Before a Court  
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623)

1. The United States Attorney herein realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the Introduction to this information as if fully set forth.
2. On or about May 29, 2001, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant, **Tarek Makki**, while under oath as a witness in a hearing then being held before the United States District Court for the said district entitled, *Bollore, S.A., v. Import Warehouse Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:99-CV-1196-R, did knowingly make false material declarations, that is to say:
  - a. defendant, **Tarek Makki** while under oath, did knowingly declare in testimony before said court, with respect to the aforesaid material matters, substantially as follows:
    - i. Q. You worked in the importation and exportation of Zig-Zag cigarette papers as well, didn't you?  
A. Not to the States.
    - ii. Q. Not to the States?  
A. Yes.
    - iii. Q. Your next paragraph in your declaration, which is Exhibit 2, you say, I am in compliance with the order.  
A. Correct.
    - iv. Q. What do you mean by that?  
A. Well, I meant that when I signed the declaration I was -- order (sic) not to import any Bollore product to the United States.

- v. Q. And you haven't done that since --  
A. Correct.
- vi. Q. -- June of 1999?  
A. Since the restraining order.
- vii. Q. And, in fact, you testified early (sic), I think, that you're not importing or exporting anything into the United States right now, correct?  
A. Correct. I haven't done so.
- b. The aforesaid testimony of defendant, **Tarek Makki**, as he then and there well knew and believed, was false, and he did knowingly make false material declarations in his answers to questions numbered: i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, and vii above, in that he then and there well knew when he gave said answers to said questions that he had continued to participate in the manufacture counterfeit Zig Zag Products, including booklets, cartons and shipping cases, in Jakarta, Indonesia and to re-packaging of bulk paper into counterfeit Zig Zag Products packaging and shipment of said products into the United States for distribution therein, in knowing violation of the July 29, 1999 Order of the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, United States District Judge.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623.

Count Two  
False Declaration Before a Court  
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623)

1. The United States Attorney herein realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the Introduction to this information as if fully set forth.
2. On or about May 29, 2001, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant, **Adham Mackie**, while under oath as a witness in a hearing then being held before the United States District Court for the said district entitled, *Bollore, S.A., v. Import Warehouse Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:99-CV-1196-R, did knowingly make false material declarations, that is to say:
  - a. defendant, **Adham Mackie**, while under oath, did knowingly declare in testimony before said court, with respect to the aforesaid material matters, substantially as follows:
    - i. Q. Have you, yourself, had any involvement in the distributing, manufacturing or selling Zig-Zag cigarette paper product since July 29 of 1999?  
A. Absolutely not.
    - ii. Q. Have you ever had anybody on your behalf manufacture, distribute or sell Zig-Zag cigarette paper product since July 29 of 1999?  
A. Absolutely not.
    - iii. Q. Haven't sold it, haven't touch (sic) it, haven't moved it; correct?  
A. You're right.

b. The aforesaid testimony of defendant, **Adham Mackie**, as he then and there well knew and believed, was false, and that he did knowingly make false material declarations in his answers to questions numbered: i, ii, and iii above; in that he then and there well knew as to said answers to said questions that he had continued to participate in the manufacture counterfeit Zig Zag Products, including booklets, cartons and shipping cases, in Jakarta, Indonesia and to re-packaging of bulk paper into counterfeit Zig Zag Products packaging and shipment of said products into the United States for distribution therein, in knowing violation of the July 29, 1999 Order of the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, United States District Judge

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623.

Count Three  
False Declaration Before a Court  
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623)

1. The United States Attorney herein realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the Introduction to this information as if fully set forth.

2. On or about May 29, 2001, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant, **Ali Makki**, while under oath as a witness in a hearing then being held before the United States District Court for the said district entitled, *Bollore, S.A., v. Import Warehouse Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:99-CV-1196-R, did knowingly make false material declarations, that is to say:

\* a. defendant, **Ali Makki**, while under oath, did knowingly declare in testimony before said court, with respect to the aforesaid material matters, substantially as follows:

i. Q. And do you any work (sic) for a company called General Imports?

A. Yes, that's my company.

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ii. Q. Did Tarek Makki know that you and your company, General Imports, were doing business in Bollore Zig-Zag goods?

A. No.

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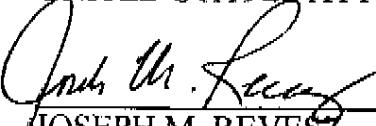
iii. Q. Did Tarek Makki or Joe Makki assist you or General Imports in any way whatsoever in your purchase and distribution of Bollore Zig-Zag goods in Michigan?

A. No, they didn't.

- b. The aforesaid testimony of defendant, **Ali Makki**, as he then and there well knew and believed, was false, and that he did knowingly make false material declarations in his answers to questions i, ii, and iii above, in that he then and there well knew that he had been directed and assisted by defendants, **Tarek Makki** and **Adham Mackie**, in the purchase and distribution in Michigan of counterfeit Zig Zag Products through his company, General Imports, in violation of the July 29, 1999 Order of the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, United States District Judge.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1623.

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**WAIVER OF INDICTMENT**

**Tarek Makki**, defendant, who is accused of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1623, in that:

On or about May 29, 2001, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant, **Tarek Makki**, while under oath as a witness in a hearing then being held before the United States District Court for the said district styled: *Bollore, S.A., v. Import Warehouse Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:99-CV-1196-R, did knowingly make false material declarations, as charged in Count One.

**Tarek Makki**, being advised of the nature of the charges and of his rights, hereby

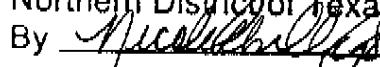
waives prosecution by indictment and consents that the proceeding may be by information

SIGNED THIS 7th day of August, 2005.

  
TAREK MAKKI  
Defendant



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